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TAGS: TSPA, UN

SUBJECT: UN OUTER SPACE LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE (LSC):  
DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITES (DBS)

REF.: STATE 71048

1. TO REEMPHASIZE US POSITION ON PRINCIPLES OF FREE  
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FLOW OF INFORMATION IN DBS CONTEXT OUTLINED PARA 1 OF  
REFTEL, DEL SHOULD MAKE BRIEF LOW-KEY STATEMENT FOR THE  
RECORD IN LSC PLENARY AT APPROPRIATE TIME. STATEMENT  
SHOULD INCLUDE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. US SUPPORTS THE PRINCIPLE OF FREE FLOW OF INFORMA-  
TION UNRESTRICTED BY NATIONAL BOUNDARIES. WE HAVE

CONSISTENTLY MAINTAINED THAT RESTRICTIONS WOULD VIOLATE THE RIGHT, AFFIRMED IN ARTICLE 19 OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, TO QUOTE RECEIVE AND IMPART INFORMATION AND IDEAS THROUGH ANY MEDIA REGARDLESS OF FRONTIERS. UNQUOTE.

B. THE US ENCOURAGES THE FREE AND OPEN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND IDEAS. IT RESPECTS DIFFERENCES AMONG CULTURES AND THE NEED TO MAXIMIZE THE BENEFICIAL USE OF NEW SPACE COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES. ADOPTION OF

RESTRICTIONS COULD HAMPER THE CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATIVE USE OF TECHNOLOGY WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE BRING MANY EDUCATIONAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL BENEFITS TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

C. WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT ALL COUNTRIES AND ESPECIALLY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE EQUITABLE ACCESS TO THE USE OF SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS TO OBTAIN ITS NUMEROUS BENEFITS FOR THEIR POPULATIONS. WE AGREE THAT DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITE SERVICES SHOULD BE BROADLY AVAILABLE TO ALL NATIONS AND SHOULD NOT BE THE EXCLUSIVE DOMAIN OF THOSE FEW NATIONS THAT MAY HAVE THE TECHNICAL CAPABILITY TO LAUNCH AND OPERATE THEM. THE YEAR LONG COOPERATIVE SATELLITE BROADCASTING EXPERIMENT CONDUCTED BY INDIA WITH A US SATELLITE AND THE AID SATELLITE DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS INVOLVING 26 COUNTRIES CONDUCTED IN 1976 ARE NOTEWORTHY EXAMPLES OF THE POTENTIAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VALUE OF BROADCASTING SATELLITES AS A TOOL TO SERVE THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE WORLD.

D. THE DECISIONS OF THE RECENT WARC HAVE DEALT WITH THE ASSIGNMENT OF FREQUENCIES AND ORBITAL SPACES AIMED AT MAKING AVAILABLE TO ALL PEOPLE THE SERVICES OF THIS TECHNOLOGY IN A TECHNICALLY MANAGEABLE WAY. WE WILL DO OUR PART IN CONTRIBUTING TO THE TECHNICAL EXPERTISE THAT MANY COUNTRIES MAY NEED IN EMPLOYING THIS TECHNOLOGY.  
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